

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2078
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have approved the introduction of the Warehousing Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2001 and also to appoint its own officials as directors on State Warehousing Corporation Boards;
- (b) if so, the main features of the proposed amendment;
- (c) whether this amendment will allow the Warehousing Corporation to acquire and build godowns and warehouses outside the country also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the burden on warehousing in India will be reduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

- (a),(b),(c)&(d): The Union Government has approved the introduction of the Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2001 and the same has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 30.7.2001. The proposed amendment, if carried out, will:-
- (i) enable the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to set up warehouses abroad and also to enter into joint ventures;
 - (ii) empower the CWC to nominate its officers on the Board of the State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs);
 - (iii) empower the State Governments to appoint/remove Chairman & Managing Director of the SWCs without the approval of the CWC; and
 - (iv) empower the SWCs to acquire and build godowns and warehouses without the approval of the CWC.
- (e): Setting up of warehouses abroad, is a diversifying activity of the CWC. It will have no effect on its warehousing activities in India.